

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 9-10, 2017
Second Sunday of Advent

Mass times:

Saturday at 5:30pm & Sunday at 10:45am

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Confession:

Saturday at 4:30 pm or by appointment.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

Did you know that all the money you have is going to be dissolved away? Whether you have plenty of it or just a few dollars to your name, every single dollar is going to be dissolved away. And not just for you, but for everyone. Everyone's money is going to be dissolved away. The CEO of Amazon recently became the richest person in the world. He has over 100 billion dollars. Did you know that even with all that money, he cannot stop what will inevitably happen to every single dollar he has? It will be dissolved away.

What about your dream home? Do you live in your dream home? Are you working so that one day you can live in your dream home? I personally love beautiful and architecturally ornate homes and buildings. And my hobby is home remodeling. I love remodeling rooms, knocking down walls, giving dated fixtures a face-lift. But did you know that even our lovely homes are going to be dissolved away. It's not going to be something you can prevent with a smoke alarm. Your home is gone. It will be dissolved away, so will everything inside it...all the furniture, the big TV, the antiques, dust...it's all going to be dust.

Finally, although this isn't Lent, we also remember the words we hear when we get ashes on Ash Wednesday, "remember you are dust and to dust you will return." Even our own bodies will turn to dust. No matter how many years we may have ahead of us (or not) our bodies will be dust.

In fact, everything will be turning to dust folks. Science cannot stop it. Computers cannot stop it. Doctors cannot stop it and you cannot buy, bargain or cheat your way out of it.

The reason I know this is because the bible says "the elements will be dissolved by fire...everything is to be dissolved" (from the second reading at Mass this weekend). Like I said, everything is going to be turning to dust.

Some people might see this as frightening or a reason to dread. I don't. I see it as the great equalizer. I see it as the great reset button for all of existence. This time for hitting

the reset button is called in the bible 'the day of the Lord.' When Jesus comes, it all goes to dust.

The bible also says 2 other things related to this dissolving of everything. It says "everything done on it [earth] will be found out" and "since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of person ought you to be."

What that means is that when all this stuff gets dissolved away, and the 'day of the Lord' comes, everything that everyone has ever done is going to be 'found out.' It's going to be like back in the early church when they used to have public confession. People think it's hard to go to confession now...they should have lived in the early church when you used to go to confession in front of the whole church.

Well there is one more big public confession we all have to go to. It happens on the day of the Lord. Because of this, that's why the next phrase says "since" this is going to happen, "what sort of person ought you be." If everything is going to be known, what type of person should I be now knowing that everything I do will be brought to light? If I do a lot of shady, underhanded things, the day of the Lord is going to be pretty embarrassing. But if behind closed doors I am faithful, full of devotion and love for God, moral and decent, well then all those little acts of kindness and sacrifice that I did without anyone knowing, will then come to light. And the day of the Lord will be a joy.

Get ready. – Fr. Rossi



COMMUNION MEDITATION SONG

"Prepare the Way"

Refrain:

Prepare the way. Prepare the way.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way. Prepare the way.
Prepare the way of the Lord.

Bridge: Jesus. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.
Jesus. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.

Verse 1:

You are the light of the world.
You are the light of the world.
You are the light of the world, Jesus.

Verse 2:

You are the King of the Earth.
You are the King of the Earth.
You are the King of the Earth, Jesus.



**Don't forget Santa
Breakfast is after 10:45 mass this weekend**

EVENTS DURING ADVENT

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DECEMBER 17 at 4pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

DECEMBER 24 at 6:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

DECEMBER 25 at 10:45 AM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY VIGIL

DECEMBER 31 at 5:00 PM



CHURCH SUPPORT AS OF 12/3/17

Weekly

<i>Actual</i>	\$2,081.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$4,221.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	\$2,140.00

Year to Date

<i>Actual</i>	\$77,198.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$92,862.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(\$15,664.00)

Attendance for December 2 = 24 / December 3rd =156



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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

St. Patrick Christmas Concert: All are invited to attend the annual Christmas Concert at St. Patrick on Sunday, December 17, at 4:00 pm. The concert will feature the combined choir from St. John, St. Patrick, and St. Peter; the children's Schola and St. Gregory Choir; as well as several soloists and ensembles. Along with music, the story of Christmas will be proclaimed. Come join us as we journey to the manger of Bethlehem with the kings, shepherds, angels, and, of course, Joseph and Mary. O Come, let us adore him! Jesus, who is Christ, the Lord!

Christmas at St. Francis Home: Join St Patrick Social Ministry visiting the residents of St Francis Home on Dec 16, 2017 at 10 am. The residents enjoy receiving Christmas cards if you would like to participate and bring either homemade or traditional Christmas cards to hand out. Social Ministry will provide treats to distribute. Contact Eddie Baird and let him know if you can attend or if you have questions.

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars **the next Sharing Sunday which will be January 7th.** Please bring non-perishable food items.

SENIOR Trip - Illuminate Light Show at Meadow Event Park- Tuesday Dec 12 - Leaving the church at 6:30 PM. Contact Heather Coleman to confirm your space.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): The RCIA is the process where the Catholic Church welcomes new adult members into the Church. Adults wishing to learn more should contact Fred Powell or Ryland Paxton.

Baptisms: Baptisms are held the first Sunday during mass each month. Baptism class is required prior to Baptizing your first child. **The next class will be held on 1/7/18 at 1pm in the parish hall.** If you are interested in attending a class & scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner.

SPC Emergency #: 804-402-1221 - If someone is dying or has died & you would like to talk with a priest, please call the emergency number at any time.

Visitation to the sick and homebound – If you or someone you know would like a visit and Holy Communion at their home. Please call the office at 737-8028. Office staff will ensure the information will be relayed to Visitation Ministry individuals.

Bulletin: All bulletin submissions must be emailed to Michelle Dawson **the Tuesday prior by noon.**